

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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WILLIE T. SMITH,

Plaintiff,

v.

D. JONES, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:20-cv-00504-MMD-CLB

ORDER

This action began with a pro se civil rights complaint filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by a person in the custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections. Plaintiff has submitted an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF No. 1). Based on the financial information provided, the Court finds that Plaintiff is unable to prepay the full filing fee in this matter.

The Court imposed a 90-day stay on May 11, 2021, and the Court entered a subsequent order in which the parties were assigned to mediation by a court-appointed mediator. (ECF Nos. 3, 6). A settlement was not reached at the early mediation conference. (ECF No. 13). This case therefore will return to the normal litigation track.

For the foregoing reasons, **IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1) is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff shall not be required to pay an initial installment of the filing fee. In the event that this action is dismissed, the full filing fee must still be paid pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2).

1 2. The movant herein is permitted to maintain this action to conclusion without
2 the necessity of prepayment of any additional fees or costs or the giving of security
3 therefor.

4 3. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2), the Nevada Department of Corrections
5 shall pay to the Clerk of the United States District Court, District of Nevada, 20% of the
6 preceding month's deposits to Plaintiff's account (**Willie T. Smith, # 91949**), in the months
7 that the account exceeds \$10.00, until the full \$350.00 filing fee has been paid for this
8 action. The Clerk of the Court shall **SEND** a copy of this order to the Finance Division of
9 the Clerk's Office. The Clerk of the Court shall also **SEND** a copy of this order to the
10 attention of the Chief of Inmate Services for the Nevada Department of Corrections, P.O.
11 Box 7011, Carson City, NV 89702.

12 4. The Clerk of the Court shall electronically **SERVE** a copy of this order and
13 a copy of Plaintiff's complaint (ECF No. 4) on the Office of the Attorney General of the
14 State of Nevada by adding the Attorney General of the State of Nevada to the docket
15 sheet. This does not indicate acceptance of service.

16 5. Service must be perfected within ninety (90) days from the date of this order
17 pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m).

18 6. Subject to the findings of the screening order (ECF No. 3), within twenty-
19 one (21) days of the date of entry of this order, the Attorney General's Office shall file a
20 notice advising the Court and Plaintiff of: (a) the names of the defendants for whom it
21 accepts service; (b) the names of the defendants for whom it does not accept service,
22 and (c) the names of the defendants for whom it is filing the last-known-address
23 information under seal. As to any of the named defendants for whom the Attorney
24 General's Office cannot accept service, the Office shall file, under seal, but shall not serve
25 the inmate Plaintiff the last known address(es) of those defendant(s) for whom it has such
26 information. If the last known address of the defendant(s) is a post office box, the Attorney
27 General's Office shall attempt to obtain and provide the last known physical address(es).
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8. If the Attorney General accepts service of process for any named defendant(s), such defendant(s) shall file and serve an answer or other response to the complaint within sixty (60) days from the date of this order.

9. Henceforth, Plaintiff shall serve upon defendant(s) or, if an appearance has been entered by counsel, upon their attorney(s), a copy of every pleading, motion or other document submitted for consideration by the Court. Plaintiff shall include with the original document submitted for filing a certificate stating the date that a true and correct copy of the document was mailed or electronically filed to the defendants or counsel for the defendants. If counsel has entered a notice of appearance, Plaintiff shall direct service to the individual attorney named in the notice of appearance, at the physical or electronic address stated therein. The Court may disregard any document received by a district judge or magistrate judge which has not been filed with the Clerk, and any document received by a district judge, magistrate judge, or the Clerk which fails to include a certificate showing proper service.

10. This case is no longer stayed.

DATED THIS 24th day of August, 2021.

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE